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Committee Bill No. 556

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Referred to Committee on PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Introduced by:
(PD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN
RETIRED PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2019*) (a) Notwithstanding any
2 provision of the general statutes or of any charter or special act, the
3 legislative body of a municipality may, by a two-thirds vote, provide
4 for compensation, in accordance with subsection (b) of this section, by
5 such municipality of a retired public safety employee (1) with a
6 permanent and severe disability caused by a serious bodily injury
7 which (A) arose out of and in the course of his or her employment as a
8 public safety employee, and (B) was suffered in the line of duty and
9 within the scope of his or her employment as a public safety employee,
10 (2) who retired from service as a public safety employee as a result of
11 such disability, and (3) who is under the age of sixty-five. As used in
12 this section, "public safety employee" means a retired uniformed
13 member of such municipality's paid fire department or a retired
14 regular member of such municipality's paid police department.
- 15 (b) The compensation paid to any public safety employee described
16 in subsection (a) of this section shall be in an amount equal to the

17 difference between (1) the total payment of benefits received by such
 18 employee under the provisions of chapter 568 of the general statutes
 19 and any other benefits, and (2) the regular rate of pay of such
 20 employee at the time of his or her retirement. Upon approval by the
 21 legislative body, in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, such
 22 compensation shall be paid annually to such employee and shall
 23 continue until such employee attains the age of sixty-five.

24 (c) A municipality providing for compensation in accordance with
 25 this section shall establish procedures for the evaluation of any retired
 26 public safety employee considered for such compensation to
 27 determine such person's eligibility.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2019	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To permit any municipality, by a two-thirds vote of its legislative body, to annually pay a retired public safety employee who suffered serious and permanent bodily injury in the line of duty and who retired as a result thereof, up to the age of sixty-five, the difference between such employee's disability pay and such employee's regular rate of pay prior to retirement.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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